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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Invention I, claims 1-17, in the reply filed on 11/27/2006 is acknowledged. Claims 18-20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

2. Claims 3,4,6,8, 11-13,16 and 17, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The mathematical expressions in these claims are indefinite since it is unclear as to what those variables/notations in the expressions are. For the purpose of examination, these mathematical expressions are interpreted as a combination of multiplication and addition operations.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 1-6,9-12 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Thirumoorthy et al. (6,061,826).

Thirumoorthy et al discloses in figure 4A a data processing system having a first arithmetic unit including a finite field multiplier (78) and a finite field adder (80) and means (61,4266,68,71,72) to use a previous finite field arithmetic calculation result of the first arithmetic unit in a current finite field arithmetic calculation of the first arithmetic unit for performing a combinations of finite field additions and multiplications to determine respective coefficients of the at least part of at least a first polynomial (LAMB, see figure 4D), and coefficients of the at least part of at least a further polynomial (OMEGA, see figure 4E) being an error evaluator polynomial as claimed (see Col. 6, line 6 – Col. 9, line 11) .

5. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Thurston (7,003,715).

As per claims 1-6,9-12 and 14-17, Thurston discloses in figures 12 and 13 a data processing system having a first arithmetic unit (156) including a finite field multiplier (160) and a finite field adder (164) and means (multiplexers and registers in the feedback paths) to use a previous finite field arithmetic calculation result of the first arithmetic unit in a current finite field arithmetic calculation of the first arithmetic unit for performing a combinations of finite field additions and multiplications to determine respective coefficients (d_i) of the at least part of at least a first polynomial, and coefficients (σ_i) of the at least part of at least a further polynomial (σ , see Col. 23, line 5) being seen as an error evaluator polynomial as claimed (see Col. 23, lines 18-57) .

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As per claims 7 and 13, Thurston discloses in figure 12 t-1 arithmetic units (GFU i, t = 3, see the bridging paragraph of cols. 23 and 24).

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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